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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Director-Substantive Support  
National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM :   
Director, CIA Operations Center

SUBJECT : 22 June Draft of the DCI's Role in Warning and Crisis

REFERENCE : 5 June draft, same subject

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1. In comparing the two drafts cited above I find Paragraph 90 in the new draft being substituted for Paragraph 81 in the 5 June draft. The new paragraph states that "The NITO for I&W is primarily responsible for strategic warning." I am raising this because I fear this statement can be easily misconstrued. I also doubt if it reflects the consensus of your committee.

2. An additional confusion could result in comparing Charts VI and VII in the new draft. The first chart shows warning (in general) being generated by the NIO and NFAC line elements of NFAC. Chart VII shows the NITO I&W originating strategic warning through the SWS while NFAC generates strategic warning through "Warning Referents" to the SWS. These distinctions are not resolved in the text. At what point does warning (Chart VI) become "strategic warning" (Chart VII)? Who makes this determination? I also cannot recall a discussion of this in the committee meetings.

3. I would like to suggest that you reconvene the group to both address these potential issues and provide us with an update on where our recommendations now stand.



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